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Britain Against Revision

London, Oct. 5.—Informed Whitehall sources said yesterday that Britain has reiterated to Turkey her opposition to the Soviet proposals for revision of the Montreux Convention governing the Dardanelles Convention.

The sources added, however, that Britain, in her consultations with the Turkish Government, made it clear that she has no objections to Turkey's participation in "bilateral discussions" called for in the Soviet note last month.

A Foreign Office spokesman confirmed that Britain has been "in consultation" with Turkey over the Soviet note in the Dardanelles but would not disclose the details of the consultations.

The spokesman said that Britain was in touch with the American State Department on the same question.

Other Whitehall sources forecast an identical British-American reaction to Russia's second formal call for the establishment of a new Straits regime.

They declared that the United States would certainly not oppose the principle of bilateral discussion.—Associated Press.

U.S. "Studying"

Washington, Oct. 5.—Under-Secretary of State Acheson said today the State Department still has under very active study the question of a new American move in response to the Russian demands on Turkey for share in the defence of the Dardanelles.

He said the Department will recommend its decision to President Truman and the President will decide whether to send a note to Turkey and Russia on the situation.

Acheson also said he hopes that before long the Government will be able to announce a policy with respect to the former Japanese mandated islands in the Pacific captured by the American forces during the war.

Regarding the statement on Navy plans to build major bases in Guam and the central Aleutians, he said it was not a suitable matter for him to discuss.—Under-Secretary, Associated Press.

GERMANS, ITALIANS AMONG "OTRANTO" WIVES

"Enemy Aliens" May Not Be Permitted To Land In The Colony No Accommodation Available Yet

(By Margaret Bradbury)

The 800 Chinese refugees who will arrive in Hong Kong in the "Otranto" on October 13 are reported to be bringing 51 European wives and 55 children with them. Many of these women are German and Italian nationals and a Government official told me yesterday that it had not been decided whether—as enemy aliens—they would be allowed to land in the Colony.

What will happen to all these refugees if and when they disembark is not known. The accommodation originally planned for them by the CNRRA and UNRRA authorities here is still occupied by 1,700 Chinese who arrived from Java last Friday and took over the To Yuen refugee hostel, Hong Kong, from which they now refuse to move.

These people were brought to when it was requisitioned by the Relief section of the Hong Kong Government, have now moved to the Argyle Street camp—which was used as a place of internment by the Japanese during the occupation.

Macao Refugees—An official of the department tells me that most of the refugees are Portuguese or Eurasians and that they left the Colony during the occupation to work in tin-mines in Java run by Dutch firms.

They were interned or, it is believed, made to work for the Japanese during the occupation and are now claiming pay for that period from the mining firm.

The agent of the company—Mr. Sui Sang-woo—who is in Hong Kong, is negotiating with them and in the meantime their food and maintenance while in the To Yuen hostel is being paid for by his company.

Refuse To Move—I was told yesterday, however, that the Chinese refuse to move until they receive lump payment for their time in Java.

Another hotel in the Colony which has been occupied by refugees has now been turned over to the owners. The 63 European and Chinese refugees who have been living in the Kowloon Hotel since February,

are living in ten wooden huts while six smaller huts are used as their kitchens and wash rooms.

Although their present living conditions can hardly be called as pleasant as their previous accommodation in the Kowloon Hotel, the refugees seem resigned because they had dealings after Germany's surrender.—Associated Press.

Optimist?

The official in charge of the camp said hopefully yesterday:—"As more and more houses are requisitioned in the Colony we hope they will be able to find suitable space for themselves. In the meantime, we are doing the best we can."

Franco Round-Up Of Spanish Reds

Madrid, Oct. 4.—

The Spanish police announced tonight they have captured Jose Isla Olaizola, alleged to be a prominent Communist leader and Commander-in-Chief of the anti-Franco guerrilla forces of all Spain. He was taken with 84 other Communists, many also outstanding in guerrilla activities. The police claim to have broken up a most important organisation.

The police claim that in a fight several weeks ago between guerrillas and the police, Jesus Hayon Gonzalez, known as "Major Carlos," alleged to be the General-Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, was shot dead. Gonzalez is claimed by the police to have been the commander of guerrillas in the Estremadura region.

The police say that they found the trail of this organisation while tracking down the murderers of Julian Muguerza, who was killed when carrying a building workers' pay-roll in

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CRASH LANDING

Copenhagen, Oct. 5.—

An American transport plane made a crash landing near Koeps, south of Copenhagen at 6:30 p.m., GMT yesterday. All the crew were reported safe although one of them received a broken leg and the others were more or less injured.—Associated Press.

A report received, [in San Francisco] at 1:33 p.m. GMT—13 minutes after the take off said: "Proceeding normally at an altitude of 1,400 feet." The first lap is from Honolulu to Dutch Harbour in the Aleutians.

The plane is flying at 15,000 feet in good weather.—Associated Press.

Churchill Slams The Government

Blackpool, Oct. 5.—Mr. Winston Churchill, former Prime Minister, addressing the Conservative Party Conference mass meeting here today, declared: "At present we are not like some of our neighbours on the continent, plunged in fundamental discussions about our constitution. The Government, as well as the Opposition—Socialists, Conservatives and Liberals—are united against Communism and the Communist Party. The declared hostility of the Socialists towards Communism although it is not at present important in this country has exercised a significant and salutary influence abroad."

There was also, Mr. Churchill continued, a considerable measure of agreement on the main lines of foreign policy.

This is especially true of Britain's close association with the United States, "whose firm and unchanged policy in Europe and the abandonment of the doctrine of isolation, constitutes the main bulwark of peace."

"We should all, like also to preserve our wartime friendship with the Russian people and with the Soviet Government if they will allow us to do so and will stop what Mr. Bevin calls the 'war of nerves'."

"The Socialist Government," Mr. Churchill declared, "does not represent the majority of the nation."

Party Before Country

"Under our present electoral system, we have a majority of two, to one in Parliament and at every occasion they seem to be in power before the country."

"In little more than a year they have diminished British influence abroad, any very large party, paralysed our revival at home."

Mr. Churchill continued: "And now I wish to speak of India. You all know my views about India and how we have desired to give full dominion status to India."

"The Government of India has been placed—or I should rather say thrust—into the hands of men who have a good reason to be bitterly hostile to British connections but who in no way represent the enormous masses of nearly 400,000,000 of all races, estates and peoples of India, who have dwelt so long in peace with one another."

"I fear that a calamity imminent upon this sub-continent which is almost as big as Europe, more populous and even more harshly divided."

"It seems that in quite a short time, India will become a separate, foreign and none too friendly country to the British Commonwealth of Nations. Indian unity created by British rule will swiftly perish and no one can measure the misery and bloodshed which will overtake these enormous masses of human and helpless millions or understand what new power their future and destiny will lie."

Ship Is Sinking

"All this is happening every day and in every hour. The great ship is sinking in a calm sea. Those who should have devoted their utmost efforts to keep her afloat have instead opened the sea-cocks. The event will long leave its mark in history. It may well be that Burma will soon suffer the same fate. I am grieved to have to tell the click.—Reuter.

The War Department announced tonight that the "Pacusan Dreamboat" took off from Honolulu today on a 10,300-mile flight to Cairo over the North Pole.

The flight is expected to take about 43 hours. It will be non-stop. It is planned to follow the great circle route, making the first landfall at Juneau, Alaska, thence via Labrador, Iceland, to London, Paris, France, Italy and then Cairo.

Lieutenant Colonel C. Tani, formerly in charge of Japanese Army Intelligence in Shanghai, identified three of the defendants, including Ludwig Ehrhardt, as people with whom he had dealings after Germany's surrender.—Associated Press.

Russia urged that Albania should receive reparations on an equal basis with Abyssinia.

The two committees sat through the night as the conference went flat out to beat the clock.—Reuter.

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The plane is a stripped "Superfortress" with its "empty weight" cut down to make more weight available for fuel.

The following flashes reporting its progress were received up to the time of going to press:

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Washington, Oct. 5.—The "Pacusan Dreamboat" is reported to have reached a point about 750 miles northeast of Juneau, Alaska. The plane's speed is 268 miles an hour and it is at an altitude of 15,000 feet. The plane outraced a storm to Alaska and reported that the weather is "good."—Associated Press.

And On

Washington, Oct. 5.—The "Pacusan Dreamboat" passed near Coppermine, about 985 miles northeast of Juneau at 0800 GMT, flying at a steady 268 miles per hour. The crew have radioed that they should be over Iqaluit, Canada, at noon.—Associated Press.

And On

Gates, Mont., Oct. 5.—The "Pacusan Dreamboat" radioed at 1830 GMT that it was over Alpine Point, 100 to 100 miles northwest of the magnetic pole and expected to be over Hazelton at 1730 GMT. The plane is flying at 15,000 feet in good weather.—Associated Press.

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Neutrals Could Help

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It is thought possible that because of racial feel Italy might approach Argentina direct for increased assistance with the encouragement and support of the major powers. It has also been argued in high quarters this week that Switzerland, which continued its prosperous trading during the war and is now benefiting from a post-war increase in commercial traffic, is in excellent physical and economic position to aid Austria. Sweden stands in the same position as regards Germany.

The Holy See has appealed for clemency to be shown to Hans Frank, wartime Nazi Governor of Poland, who was sentenced to death by the Nuremberg Purse Court; the French zone has released him; and the British zone has turned Schacht and Fritzsche into the British Zone, where he was originally arrested when Germany collapsed.

Although the British authorities have rejected the requests of Schacht and Fritzsche, they have made no public announcement of their attitude towards von Papen.—Associated Press.

"UNITED STATES OF EUROPE"

Blackpool, Oct. 5.—Winston Churchill renewed his call yesterday for a United States of Europe, declaring that "all the burden of restoring world peace should not be thrown upon the United States of America."

"Why should this continue to be a mangled victim and dependent for succour upon the generosity of other lands?" he continued.

"The United States of America has definitely declared herself as abandoning the policy of isolation, and of watching vigilantly and sharing effectively in the guidance and restoration of Europe and the peace of the world."

"All that has to be done is that some 250,000,000 people have to wake up one morning and say we wish to be happy, free and prosperous, and we will only give our votes to the political parties who will vote for a United States of Europe," he declared.

Repeating the plea he made in a recent speech at Zurich to "let the bitter feuds and quarrels of the past pass away," Churchill added: "We cannot afford to go forward dragging these chains of vengeance and hatred behind us. Justice must be done and punishment must be inflicted on those who are judged guilty," he concluded.—Associated Press.

Free --- But Every Way Is Barred

Nuernberg, Oct. 5.—Rudolf Hess, Julius Streicher and Hans Frank have filed appeals for clemency against their sentences by the War Crimes Tribunal; it was announced last night. Frank and Streicher were sentenced to death and Hess to life imprisonment. The S.S.

The three acquitted Nazis—Schacht, von Papen and Fritzsche—face the ironic limitation of freedom granted to them by the War Crimes Tribunal later, but released him, too, for the same reason.

"We will arrest both of them later, when the U.S. military guards are withdrawn," Stahl said.

Von Papen remains in prison. His appeal to enter the French Zone has been turned down by the French Military Government. He has asked officials to try and arrange his entry into the British Zone, where he was originally arrested when Germany collapsed.

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Indonesia

Batavia, Oct. 4.—The Republican newspaper "Newblad" states that according to reliable circles various Indonesian fighting organisations have urged the Government to proclaim general national conscription for Indonesians between 16 and 60 years of age, both for military and civil service.

Meanwhile Dutch troops have begun to land from ships at Padang, Sumatra.—Beiter.

THE WEATHER

The anticyclone continues to move eastward and intensify, being now centred near Korea. A low-pressure trough, extending from Southern Shanxi to the Marianas, has intensified.

Forecast: "Moderate winds from an easterly quarter; weather cloudy with scattered rain."

Yesterday's weather: Maximum: 82.2 deg. Fahr. Minimum: 71.5 deg. Fahr. Sunshine: 61 hours. Rainfall: Nil. Max. Rel. Humidity: 12%.

Washington, Oct. 4.—Papen stayed in the home of his lawyer Helmuth Fritsch. Early today he tried to give himself up to the German Police but American M.P.s refused to allow him to leave the house.

Schacht and his wife went to a house on the Freiling Straße, where the aged financier spent the morning pacing up and down, trying to decide what to do next.

German Police Chief Leo Stahl arrested him shortly after midnight yesterday evening with a proportion of his assets. The possibility of approaching these countries with such a proposition has not yet been definitely decided.—Beiter.

HKVDC Chinese Club Meeting

Mr. A. K. P. Chan, Acting Chairman, was elected Chairman of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps (Chinese) Club at an extraordinary meeting of members yesterday.

The following were elected Committee members:

Mesrs. W. K. Chung, Y. O. Kwok, Y. C. Chan, K. F. Wong, C. K. Chan, P. Y. Cheung, S. H. Tsui, K. Ip, M. S. Yee, Chan Kang-cho, H. Y. H. Tang, C. P. Chan, Chan Kang-chuen and Jackson Leung.

The Club's Hon. Treasurer and Joint Secretaries will be elected from among the Committee members at a meeting next Friday.

A financial statement submitted by the outgoing Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Tsoi Shu-hung, was read and passed at yesterday's meeting, presided by Mr. Y. O. Kwok.

LOITERED TOO LONG

Found by the Police at about 3:30 a.m. on Friday loitering outside the W.A.A.F. Hostel, Upper Albert Road, Wong Chau-ki was found guilty and sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon K.C. at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

Inspector H. Soll said that Wong was seen by two Chinese detectives wandering around the front gate of the W.A.A.F. hostel. On seeing the detectives, defendant started to run but was caught after a long chase.

INDECENT BEHAVIOUR

An American sailor, Rufus Ted Elam, and a Chinese woman, Ho King, were charged before Mr. George She at the Central Magistracy yesterday with indecent behaviour in a lane behind the General Post Office Building.

According to the Prosecution, Sub-Inspector Manson, the sailor will be dealt with by the U.S. Naval Authorities.

Both defendants were cautioned.

PROHIBITED EXPORTS

Motor vehicles and tin plates have been added to the schedule of Prohibited Exports, while potassium-chlorate has been deleted from the schedule.

Precious goods, of all descriptions have been deleted from the schedule and textiles and knitted goods of all descriptions, including made-up goods, added to the schedule.

In Brief

Having successfully pleaded that confinement to the House of Detention would not help him find a job and that a personal effort on his part might prove more successful, George Philip Gregg, seaman, who was recently convicted of having stowed away at Singapore in the ss "Sum Boston," came up again before the Magistrate, Mr. H. G. Latimer, at Kowloon Court yesterday on an amended charge of vagrancy. He was committed to two weeks' in the House of Detention, but the conviction for vagrancy carried with it the right to go out during the day in search of a job.

Born in \$500, surety of a further \$500, was allowed Yam Man-tuen, R.N. Dockyard employee, when he appeared before the Magistrate in Kowloon Court yesterday on charges of unlawful possession of six pneumatic riveting hammers and a number of radar and radio parts. The case was remanded for 48 hours.

Kwok Yick-chuen, who escaped from a police van in Des Voeux Road on April 4 only to be recaptured by two Chinese detectives in Nam Kok Road, Kowloon City, a few days ago, was yesterday sentenced by Mr. E. H. Sainsbury, Kowloon Court, to three months' hard labour. He has also to serve a term of nine months' hard labour on a conviction for vagrancy under the Military Administration. The Magistrate told him that the sentence would probably be reviewed.

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

WELL HONEY, THERE AINT NO LOSIN US BEIN IN BUSINESS ROUND WE BOTH KNOWS EVERYBODY TAKES THEIR TROUBLES TO TH' TUTTS AN' THAT'S WHAT THEY CARE FOR EVERYBODY MIGHTY FINE!



GOVERNMENT TO APPOINT FISHERIES DIRECTOR

That Government is to appoint a Director of Fisheries was revealed by Professor G.A.C. Herklots for Development, in a broadcast over ZBW last night.

Professor Herklots also hinted that the price of fresh fish might be much lower in the near future.

Professor Herklots said: "I want to tell you a story, it may sound like a fairy story but, unlike many fairy stories, it is true. It is the story of the remarkable post-war growth of the Fisheries organisation and of the ideal that lies behind it. That the vision became fact is due to the work of the Colonial Secretary, then Brigadier MacDougall, C.C.A.O., of the genius of a Chinese scientist, Mr. S. Y. Lin. It has proved successful, because British organization has been coordinated with Chinese industry and initiative. There is a simple lesson to be learned from this example of working together in harmony, for cooperation between two races, the public good."

"Immediately after the reoccupation of Hong Kong at the end of August last year, Mr. S. Y. Lin visited me in Stanley and told me in detail of the plight of the fishermen of the Colony. Many were destitute; many short of food and salt and fishing gear. He was told of the appalling confusion that existed throughout the fleet. He suggested a new method of dealing with the problem and his scheme was placed before Brigadier MacDougall. The scheme was adopted, a development step by step was called for, but the plan was flexible enough to allow freedom for modification as necessity demanded. It may be of interest to recall some of those early steps."

"The Military Government approved that a loan should be made to the fishermen and that they should be supplied as quickly as possible with all necessities that could be provided. A sum of \$10,000 was made available for this purpose.

"That same day the Government appointed a fisheries committee of the Royal Marine Commandos to perform the colourfu

lity of "Beating The Retreat".

The Massed Royal Marine Bands of the Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, HMS GLORY and HMS VENERABLE, accompanied by the pipe-and-drum-band of 42, Royal Marine Commando, performed at the ceremony.

The amount of fish sold may surprise some people. In the first month, 2,000 tons were sold daily, at the rate of 100 heads to each fisherman.

"The next step was a bold one but it proved to be both just and practical and Brigadier MacDougall's "appoint" was later fully endorsed by the Colonial Office. This consisted of the establishment of a fish wholesale market at Kennedy Town, where all men, fish whether fresh or salt, must be sold in public auction on behalf of the fishermen. Never before in the history of the Colony had fish been sold by public auction; never before had all whale-fish sales been handled in one market; and never before had the interest of the fishermen, the producers, been given so freely. To be successful such a scheme required careful organization, a keen, loyal and hard working staff, and vision to understand that lay ahead and courage to meet all difficulties when they came. Six auctioneers were trained—that provided plenty of amusement and noise; trial sales with empty baskets were held—more poles, furniture, forms were drawn up and painted, accountants, bookkeepers, clerks, watchmen and coolies were engaged and many thousands of baskets built; and many thousands of baskets were sold; and many, many weeks after approval of the scheme had been given, the market opened."

Paid In Cash

"The underlying principle was this, that priority of consideration should be given to the fishermen. It was decided that immediately the fish were sold cash should be paid in cash (less 6% commission); and they were. This was a secret of success. This was

"A Commandant, Paying Scheme" has been started and from April 1 each fisherman pays 2% of the proceeds of the sale of his fish into a fund which is lent in his name and on which a small interest is paid. At Chinese New Year, when the Chinese pay their debts the fishermen will have some ready money available."

"Government has placed \$25,000 at the disposal of the Fisheries Department for repayment to fishermen who wish to replace old boats or gear and have the opportunity. This amounts more than covered by the funds available to the Fisheries Commission, so there is no chance of loss."

"The latest venture is the formation of small co-operative societies (fatu) in the four principal fishing villages outside the Colony. At a time when fresh foods were so urgently needed,

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Dr. Herklotz' broadcast on the anniversary yesterday of the fish marketing scheme puts the recent agitation for its abandonment in its true perspective. The best practical test of the acceptability of Government control to the mass of genuine fisherfolk lies in the degree of their cooperation, and the cleverest advocate for the laws must find difficulty in explaining away Dr. Herklotz' figures. In twelve months, the number of fishermen and of boats actively engaged in the local fishing industry have both more than doubled. For which, there is only one reason: Fishing people operating elsewhere up and down the coast, fully aware of the nature of official intervention in Hong Kong, and of its consequence to the industry, have voluntarily submitted themselves to this "unnecessary interference" and have discovered it to be advantageous to base themselves, with their boats, upon Hong Kong and link themselves with the cooperative organisation. Were confirmation necessary, a visit to any of the important fishing villages provides it. One finds an air of prosperity that brooks no argument. No-one in close touch with the situation has, of course, ever been in serious doubt about the origin of the recent agitation. When a highly lucrative business slips between a middle-man's fingers, it is not to be expected that he will get up and lead the applause. The only point of interest in the campaign, really, is concerned with why it should have flared up at this particular time and in face of the demonstrable fact that the scheme, as far as it has been carried, has proved a complete success. How far the consumer has benefited, it is impossible to estimate. Fish prices have remained high, but under any other arrangements they might well have been higher. In the retail market, supply and demand have determined prices, and the disparity between wholesale and retail quotations has been wide. Here is a problem requiring attack from another angle, and that this will be undertaken, Dr. Herklotz has given an assurance. Nothing could have been clearer than his challenge: the Fisheries Department will be open to criticism if results are not achieved within six weeks.

MACAO RELIEF

The Voluntary announcement on Macao relief payments in relation to pay and pensions will not please all affected. The decision, nevertheless, appears manifestly just and reasonable. For the purpose of Volunteer accounts, relief payments are to be treated as allowances to wives and legal dependants, and debited at the applicable rates, and in the case of widows, charged as payments on account of pension. As this conforms to the practice followed where wives were in Australia or in the British Isles, there can be no question of discrimination, and small ground for complaint.

If the announcement carried any sting, it was in the tail. The decision does not mean that Macao accounts have been entirely written off. Those who received relief payments in excess of the amounts due under War Office regulations are still subject to a claim for recovery of such monies paid in excess. What that may mean in practice depends presumably upon the individual capacity to pay. It is impossible to conceive the attachment of a lien upon a widow's future pension, if she is without further adequate means of support. There must, too, be many volunteers with wives and children to maintain who can never be expected to regard Macao relief as an obligation to be met out of their monthly pittance. The home Government can, perhaps, legitimately expect repayment from persons obviously well-to-do who found in Macao a refuge from the storm. But a large magnanimity would be the proper gesture in most cases.

Conservative London

London theatre-goers, whatever their politics, are very conservative about the plays they like to see. That probably is the reason why "Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" failed when Marc Connally produced that American play over here.

Presented without scenery and with few props, it was too unconvincing for London. It's headed by Dr. Heller left today for Berlin at the invitation of the British and American economic authorities to discuss the ways and means of stabilizing an exchange of goods and payments between Switzerland and the British and American zones of Germany. Reuter

TODAY IN EUROPE

Gilbert Miller, the well-known American theatrical producer, was recently considering buying one of New York's most famous theatres. Instead, at the last moment, he changed his mind and bought one in London. Writing to his friend Alexander Ince, American publisher and producer, he asked his opinion as to whether he had decided wisely. Mr. Ince replied that undoubtedly he had because, whereas in New York there

were plenty of things on which to spend money, in London theatre tickets seemed about the only thing that could be bought off ration.

Mr. Ince showed considerable discernment in his answer. The London stage is booming, and has been for the last four years. And one of the reasons undoubtedly is the emptiness of London shops. During the war, the services men and women who flocked to London on leave found nothing to do with their money except to spend it on going to plays and films. As a result, runs of many plays were extended far longer than was warranted by their merit.

The problem facing producers is not to find a play which will succeed but to find an empty theatre where a new play can be presented. The boom continues and, under the circumstances, it is surprising that the standard of the London stage has remained as high as it has. For this, to a great extent, we have to thank John Gielgud and Laurence Olivier. Both these fine actor-producers have consistently presented good plays in London and have many notable successes.

The high proportion of musicals and light comedies presented during the war is drop-out.

More and more straight plays are being produced. And an interesting development is the gradual appearance of right-wing propaganda as a dramatic theme.

London audiences are notoriously lazy-minded and like to have their thinking done for them. For that reason, the stage here has never been used extensively as a vehicle for political propaganda and, when it has been so used, leftist propaganda has usually predominated. Bernard Shaw is the only consistently successful political playwright, but Shaw must be regarded as an exception to all rules. Some of his genius lies in his ability to annoy people while at the same time retaining their admiration and respect. Revues, of course, have always included songs and sketches making fun of the Government, but authority is fair game for authors of revues.

Prophecy

Far more significant has been the production of two straight plays dealing with life under a Labour Party Government. Of necessity, both these plays are prophetic, for the evils of the present regime are not yet sufficiently apparent to provide a solid butt for satire.

In "Tomorrow's Child" by Peter Coates, a picture is painted of the standardized existence awaiting us in twenty years' time. Standardized homes, meals and marriages are enforced by standardized bureaucrats. Individual rebels are dispatched to "correction camps", where Government officials seek to show them the error of their ways.

The second play, "Day After Tomorrow" by Simon Wardell and Kieran Thunam, prophesies similar horrors at an even earlier date. A soldier returning from Burma in 1947 finds his home incredibly altered. His aunt has a passion for eggs, and so his unfortunate father has gone to prison for the crime of securing half a dozen eggs for her. Permits, licenses and documents of all sorts are required for the simplest actions. Families are planned willy-nilly by Government officials. Bureaucratic gauleters are all-powerful. In the end, the wretched young man returns to Burma in disgust, taking his family with him.

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Incitement To Squat, What?

London, Oct. 4. Five London Communist leaders were today committed by Bow Street magistrates for trial at the Central Criminal Court on a charge of conspiring together with persons unknown to incite persons to trespass upon property and to aid, abet and direct such persons to trespass.

The alleged trespass concerned the entry of "squatters" last month into a large block of flats in West London, and the accused are Edward F. Bramley, Secretary of the London District Communist Party; Mrs. Joyce Miriam Alverant, Westminster City Councillor; Ernest Stanley Henderson, Secretary of the Hammersmith Communist Party; Morris Israel Rosen; Stephen Brough Councillor; and Gabriel Carritt, Westminster City Councillor.—Reuter.

SHAKE-UP IN LABOUR CABINET Mr. Attlee Appoints New Minister Of Defence

New Secretary For Colonies Appointed

London, Oct. 4. There is to be a new Minister of Defence, coordinating the work of Britain's three Service departments. The Prime Minister will remain supremely responsible for defence and will be chairman of the Defence Committee, which will have as regular members the Minister of Defence, Lord President of the Council (who is usually the Prime Minister's deputy), the Foreign Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Service ministers, the Minister of Labour and the Minister of Supply.

The new Minister of Defence is Mr. A. V. Alexander, at present First Lord of the Admiralty. The appointment takes effect when the new Ministry is formed. For the moment, Mr. Alexander will be Minister without Portfolio. In a general Cabinet re-shuffle all three Service ministers are to be replaced.

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U.S. OFFICIALS ARRESTED

Berlin, Oct. 4. Official military government quarters here said today that Lieut. Colonel J. G. Fisher, Chief of the Investigating Section of the de-Nazification branch of the United States Military Government, and Major Louis Dups of the same office, are being held under house arrest. The same source stated that a formal charge was expected to be brought against the two officers today on suspicion of their business dealings with the enemy.—Reuter.

Frau Jodi Appeals To Truman

Nuernberg, Oct. 4. The wife of Alfred Jodi, one of the Nazi generals sentenced to be hanged by the Nuernberg Tribunal, has sent a letter to President Truman asking for clemency for her husband.

She addressed President Truman in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief of the American Army.

New Colonial Secretary

Mr. Hall is succeeded as Colonial Secretary by Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, who was Under-Secretary at the Colonial Office. Mr. Hector McNeil, who is Mr. Ernest Bevin's deputy, has been promoted to Minister of State.

Lord Stanage, although he is leaving the Government, will continue for the time being as Mr. Bevin's deputy in the Egyptian treaty negotiations.

A number of junior ministerial appointments are also announced. Foremost among these is that of Major Christopher Paquet Mayhew to be Parliamentary Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office.

The changes in Britain's defence organisation are announced in a Government report on the Central Organisation of Defence, which says that they are a logical development of the policy of the past 40 years.

Defence Minister

They entail a reduction of the Cabinet personnel from 20 to 18 members also a reduction in the status of the three Service ministers, who will, however, remain of Cabinet rank, though not actually in the Cabinet.

The function of the new Minister of Defence will be apportioned in broad outline of available resources between the three services in accordance with the strategic policy as laid down by the Defence Committee. This will include the framing of general policy to cover research and development. He will also be responsible for questions of general administration, on which a common policy for all three Services is desirable.

The new arrangement would not prevent the Prime Minister, in case of war, from assuming the functions of Defence Minister.

The Prime Minister will preside over the meetings of the Defence Committee and his deputy may be the Minister of Defence, who in that capacity will probably have authority to deal with wider aspects of policy, for which the Defence Minister, he is not personally responsible.

Regional Defence

The Government statement discusses collaboration in defence with other countries of the Commonwealth and also with foreign countries in connection with any arrangement under the aegis of the United Nations. One of the effects of the new plan will be to transfer to the Defence Committee the duties previously carried out up to 1939 by the Committee of Imperial Defence.

Referring to Commonwealth defence, tonight's statement says that the natural starting point for future progress has been the idea of regional association. "Geography largely decides which problems most directly concern separate members of the Commonwealth and it is the aim of the various governments to recognise and take advantage of this fact by arranging that regional questions shall in the first place be studied in the appropriate regional centre. The Government have proposed that there should be established in the capital of each Dominion United Kingdom liaison officers, who could join with the Dominion Chiefs of Staff in studying regional se-

curity problems.

"Similarly, they have proposed that the Dominion Governments should appoint liaison officers in London. It has been suggested that by this means regional studies can be directed by the Government most immediately concerned with the help of a team of joint advisers. The fruits of these studies can be made available in London and in other Dominion capitals, and in this way that measure of cooperation which is necessary can be secured.

Chiefs Of Staff

The exact method of organising the inter-change of liaison officers will depend upon the varying constitutional practice in the different parts of the Commonwealth.

"These proposals received favourable hearing at discussions in London in the spring and the Governments in the Dominions are studying them in detail. There is reason to suppose that in the main they will prove acceptable and that they will pave the way for the machinery which, while giving full play to the independence of the member states of the Commonwealth, will be effective as means of consultation and collaboration."

"No change is contemplated in the organisation of the Chiefs of Staff Committee. This will continue as at present, together with the Joint Staffs for Strategic Planning, Intelligence and Administrative Planning. The Chiefs of Staff Committee will retain its responsibilities for preparing strategic military plans and submitting them to the Defence Committee.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN ACCUSATION AGAINST AUSTRALIA

Paris, Oct. 4. Russia accused Australia today of having "from the very beginning of the Paris Conference tried to undermine" the agreement of the Big Four.

The charge was made by M. Arjunian, the Soviet economic expert in the Italian Economic Committee. He was speaking on the Australian proposal that a reparations commission should determine the value of the Italian assets to be transferred to the claimant countries instead of the Big Four Ambassadors in Rome as proposed in the draft treaty.

Early today the committee, in the face of Slav opposition, had voted in favour of the Australian proposal that a commission consisting of the Big Four and the countries receiving reparations from Italy should be set up to supervise the execution of the reparations clauses of the Italian treaty.

When the second Australian proposal was made M. Arjunian asserted the United States and Britain could not vote in favour of it because it referred to an "agreed" clause of the treaty.

"I am growing a little tired of the innuendoes of the Soviet delegation," the British delegate Mr. Somerville Smith said. "I do not want my vote misinterpreted in any way. I am guided solely by conscience. I shall not be influenced by the Soviet innuendoes."

Weakening Italy

With Britain and the United States voting in support of the Foreign Ministers' draft, the second Australian proposal was defeated by eleven votes to eight with one abstention.

Britain opposed the inclusion in the reparations clauses of a provision under which Italy could start reparations deliveries from current industrial production before the expiry of the two-year moratorium for such deliveries.

This provision had the backing of Russia, the United States and France. Asking for the clause to be struck out Mr. Somerville Smith said he felt it ran counter to the spirit of the Foreign Ministers' decision for a two-year moratorium.

The tendency had been to weaken the defences of the Italian economy built up by the Foreign Ministers' Council.

Soviet Astonished

Saying he was "astonished"

SURVIVORS OF SABENA

Brussels, Oct. 5. A Sabena plane which left Brussels on Wednesday will probably return Sunday with some survivors of the crash of the Sabena plane in Newfoundland.

This will be the seventh and last voyage of the Belgian Trans-Atlantic Line, which was experimenting on 10-flight test and which is suspended until further notice.—Associated Press.

BARNEY OLDFIELD DEAD

Beverly Hills, Calif., Oct. 5. Barney Oldfield, the famous motor car racing driver, died yesterday from a heart ailment. He was 88 years old.—Associated Press.

BRITISH PLANE OVER YUGOSLAVIA

Belograde, Oct. 5. Belgrade radio said tonight that a British aircraft had flown over Yugoslavia territory today. After flying around for some time, trying to find its way, the plane landed at an airfield, the radio said.—Reuter.

ETHIOPIA NOW!

London, Oct. 5. Moscow radio asserted yesterday that Britain is seeking new air bases in Ethiopia and that realisation of the plan would "lead to a further strengthening of Britain's monopolistic position in the Red Sea area."

The broadcast quoted an article published in the trade union paper "Trib" which in turn quoted a Cairo newspaper, the "Egyptian Mail," on the presence of British troops in Ogaden and "the reserved areas."—Associated Press.



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TRUMAN BACKS JEWISH DEMANDS FOR PALESTINE NATIONAL HOME

Washington, Oct. 5. President Harry Truman yesterday called for an immediate substantial immigration of displaced Jews into Palestine.

President Truman also endorsed the Jewish Agency plan for the creation of a Jewish state in an "adequate area" of Palestine, and rejected outright the plan for Arab-Jewish division of the Holy Land which Britain and many of the

President's own advisers are supporting.

The President cabled Prime Minister Clement Attlee yesterday and outlined his own views on the matter. They were:

"In view of the fact that Winter will come before the Palestine Conference in London can be resumed, I believe and urge that substantial immigration into Palestine cannot wait as solution to the Palestine problem and that it should begin at once."

"Preparations for this movement already have been made by this Government and it is ready to lend its immediate assistance."

U.S. Aid

"I state again as I have stated on previous occasions that the immigration laws of other countries, including the United States, should be liberalized with a view to the admission of displaced persons. I am prepared to make such a recommendation to Congress and to continue as energetically as possible collaboration with other countries on the whole problem of displaced persons."

"Furthermore, should a workable solution for Palestine be devised, I would willingly re-

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Jewish Proposals In London

London, Oct. 4.

Specific proposals about improvement of the atmosphere in Palestine were carried by the Jewish Agency delegation, led by Dr. Walzmann, to the Colonial Secretary, Mr. George Hall, in London today.

The Jewish Agency spokesman said today that it was felt that if something could be done to ease the Palestine situation, the difficulties about Jewish representation at the Palestine Conference by Jewish leaders now in detention would fall into line.

The meeting lasted about an hour and a half.

Informed quarters in London believe that the Jewish Agency means to make a strong push to clear away the difficulties, which have so far prevented Jews from going to the Conference before it is reconvened on Dec. 16 and, if possible, to start Anglo-Jewish discussions on the substance of the Palestine problem before that date. — Reuter.

the committee as unconvinced by the Democratic professors of support of Jews. — Associated Press and Reuter.

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The Prime Minister disclosed that Prime Minister Clement Attlee cabled the President's communication at midnight on Thursday and immediately cabled President Truman asking that it be delayed, pending study by himself and the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin.

However, this request was not complied with, the spokesman said. He authorised reporters to say that he had made his statement after consultation with the Premier.

The Prime Minister received the communication at midnight and sent an immediate request to the President, asking if he would be willing to delay the issue of a statement until Mr. Attlee could get in touch with the Foreign Secretary and have further consultations, and until further telegram could be sent to the President, explaining the British point of view, the spokesman said.

"This request was not complied with. The British Government has been conducting negotiations with both the Jews and Arabs and these negotiations have not been broken off. Consultations with the Jewish representatives are in fact, going on at this moment.

"It is, therefore, most unfortunate that a statement of this kind, which may well jeopardize a settlement of the most difficult problem of Palestine, should be made at this time," the spokesman concluded. — Associated Press.

Mr. Robert Jackson, Supreme Court Justice, said yesterday that the rules of law governing the Nuremberg war crimes trials should apply to the victor as well as to the vanquished.

"America's chief prosecutor at the trials, in his first public utterance since the conviction of the Nazi war leaders, said:

"War and dictatorship are so inter-related that I am convinced that little progress can be made towards a permanent peace without protecting the elementary rights of the minority."

The speech was prepared for the Centennial Convocation of the University of Buffalo, where Mr. Jackson will receive an honorary degree of doctor in law. — Associated Press.

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(By Doon Campbell)

Even Mr. O.K. Yu, Minister of Finance, finds it difficult to explain the wild fluctuations in the open market foreign exchange rate after the recent authoritative assurances that official quarters contemplate no further depreciation of the Chinese dollar.

It is generally believed that something much more positive is required to allay popular uneasiness.

So far, the prices of commodities have stood firm against the fluctuations, evidently unwilling to adjust in the absence of an official signal.

The "Central" Daily News, Government organ, recommends in an editorial that "the best remedy for holding the line of prices now obtaining is to adopt a gold unit system."

The writer gives the following five factors as responsible for the rise of prices, inflation, profiteering, speculation, transport difficulties and the high cost of labour.

The Dow Jones averages: 20 Industrial 109.30, 10 Utilities 34.43, Stocks 61.09.

Closing quotations: Adams Express 14½, Alaska Juneau 5½, American Can 82, American Smelting 50, American Telephone 172½, American Tobacco 77½, American Waterworks 15½, Anacinda Copper 37½.

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The two most difficult things to deal with are profiteering and speculation, both of which are caused by the tremendous amount of idle capital.

"The rumours that are directly responsible for the sharp rise in commodity prices are caused by the fact that China has spent 80 per cent of her US\$500,000 foreign exchange reserve,

that as a member of the World Bank she must have a permanent exchange rate, and that she may soon issue the long-rumoured Sun currency, that may have a par value with the United States dollar," the writer says.

"Among American war surplus goods that the Chinese Government bought in August are things like automobiles, tools, piecemeal goods and leather, which have a market demand."

Crisis Certain

The article asserts that the present level of prices will certainly precipitate an economic crisis.

In this connection, it mentions that the price of vegetables in Nanking has increased 25,000-fold compared with pre-war.

The writer adds: "Idle capital should be absorbed by the adoption of a gold unit system. New notes should be issued that will entitle the bearer to draw a certain amount of gold instead of banknotes." Reuter.

New York Exchanges

Bombay, Oct. 4. Rupees Anna 170—102
Silver, Ready per 100 tolas 104—10
Gold Delivery per 100 tolas 99—10
Gold Forward per 100 tolas 93—10
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REUTERS-U.K. INDEX London, Oct. 4. Industrial 142.7, Kaffirs 101.9, Home Ralls 95.6, Commodity 292.1—Reuter.

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Monty To Visit Malaya

Singapore, Oct. 4.
Field Marshal Lord Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff will visit Malaya in December when the final decisions regarding Malaya's defences will probably be made, said Lieut-General Sir Frank Messervy, GOC Malaya, in an interview with the "Malaya Tribune" today.

General Messervy said that the future permanent strength of the Malaya Command would probably be three brigades, one of which was likely to be situated at Singapore.

"Malaya Command is not intending any aggression but is only concerned with assuring internal security," General Messervy said.

General Messervy will leave for India shortly to take over the Northern Command. — Reuter.

CONSTABLE SENTENCED

A special constable, Cheng Sun-chuen, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy yesterday for attempting to obtain a bribe of 10 cents from a rice hawk, Lam Ngoo-chee, 13.

It was alleged that defendant instructed a small boy to collect 10 cents from complainant. When the hawk refused, defendant went to the girl's stall and spilled her rice.

Mr. MacKenzie, A.S.P. (C) prosecuted.

PIRATES FOILED

Macao, Oct. 5.
Vigilance of the guards on board foiled an attempt by robbers to pirate the tow-boat "Luen Seung" last night.

The "Luen Seung" was on her way to Macao with passengers and cargo.

When crossing Tiger Channel, pirates armed with muskets tried to board after firing several shots to intimidate her. But her guards brought their machine-guns into action and succeeded in warding off the pirates.

AN AP SCOOP

Shanghai, Oct. 5.
The Associated Press brought to China its first radio-photo news pictures in history. They appeared in China's largest newspaper, Shanghai's "Shin Wan Pao," which hailed them as historic in Chinese journalism. The photos were of war crimes defendants receiving their sentences and the "frightful Turke" landing. — Associated Press.

No Room For Tourists

London, Oct. 4.
Britain will lose £90,000,000 of foreign currency next year because of her inability to provide accommodation for the estimated 3,000,000 tourists anxious to view this country, a British Travel Association official said today.

Delegates of 40 nations who attended an international travel conference emphasized the current trend towards holidays in Britain.

Mr. Ralph T. Reed, President of the American Express Company, said thousands of Americans are "itching" to spend their vacations in Britain. The majority, he said, were GIs anxious to bring their families to show them the places in which they were stationed and introduce them to the people with whom they became friends in this country. The United States airline companies estimate, he said, that they will be able to bring 100,000 Americans to Britain in 1947. Shipping companies will be ready to transport double that number.

But, with existing hotels severely restricted and little prospect of more being built, Britain will not be in a position to accommodate these tourists, according to the Travel Association spokesman. — Reuter.

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SPORTS SECTION

Exciting Tussles Featured Yesterday's Soccer

The overwhelming victory of 1/5 Commando over Hong Kong Club, during which Redman scored a "hat trick," and the exciting tussle between 45 Commando and Eastern which resulted in a win for the soldiers by the odd goal in three and Li Wai-lam of Eastern receiving marching orders, were the highlights of yesterday's curtailed League football programme. At Causeway Bay, St. Josephs, despite the absence of several of their leading players, put up a good fight against Navy; they were beaten by four goals to two. South China did not have their own way against Kwong Wah and were fully extended, winning by four goals to two, thanks mainly to the brilliancy of Chau Man-chi.

In the Junior Division, Club was no match for 44 Commando and lost by three clear goals, while in the Valley Kit Chee registered their first win by beating Hong Kong Chinese Cadre by the odd goal in three.

CLUB LOSE

In their First Division League fixture against 1/5 Commando at Happy Valley yesterday were fortunate in only losing by 2-1 to 45 Commando in their First Division encounter at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon.

The Club fielded an almost entirely different side to that which did service against Sing Tao last week. The newcomers did fairly well and it is a pity that, in their first competitive match of the season, they should have been pitted against a team of the calibre of 1/5 Commando.

The score can hardly be described as a true reflection of the game, as Club enjoyed a fair share of the play and it was only through poor finishing that the former failed to score in reply. Bickford was a tower of strength in the Club defence and his quick hustling tactics upset many a dangerous move. Gardner in goal could not be blamed for the goals scored against him, as he was faced with a forward line of real sharpshooters, whose lightning shots would have beaten even the best of goalies.

The Commandos played inspired football and it would be rather difficult to single out any particular player for praise. The team coordinated excellently. Redman in the pivotal position caught the eye time after time with his accurate and speedy ball distribution. He rounded off a fine afternoon's display by completing the "hat trick".

Beebe, who scored two goals, opened with a fine header from a well placed corner. Goals followed at regular intervals from Redman (3), Coleman (2) and Ford (1).

The teams were:—Commandos: Willis, Taylor and Quinton; Black, Thomson and Quinton; Green, Edwards, Reddish, Dodd and Jackson; Club: Beck, Taylor and Ingoldsby; Skudem and Hutton; Hamble, Brown, Kennard, Foulard and Colchester.

Eastern: Leung Tin Tung, Leung Pak-wai, Fok Yiu Wan, Yan Chi Hung, Shih Ping Shan, Yuen Shu, Choy Ho Kui, Li Ping Hon, Li Wai Lam, Cheung Chung Kan and Yueh Yue Lam.

RASC WIN

The match at Chatham Road in the Second Division between 387 Company, R.A.S.C. and the Hong Kong Wireless Centre resulted in a 4-4 draw come-down for the latter after their 8-0 win over the Police earlier in the week.

The R.A.S.C. unit was by the odd goal in three after leading one-nil at half-time. The winning margin could have been bigger other than for the fine display at pivot by Duxbury who managed to hold the team together.

Club Lose

In the second division, 44 Commandos proved to be too strong for Hong Kong Football Club, when the latter team was beaten by three clear goals at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon.

Commandos:—Right winger, Green, scored the first goal after a penalty and another magnificent shot after a period of five minutes.

Kennard and Hutton played well for the Club, but missed several chances to score. At the interval, Commandos led by two clear goals.

Shortly after half time, Reddish, centre forward, added another for Commandos, bringing their score to 3-0.

Teams:—Club: Gardner, Hopkinson, Bickford, Bond, Forrow, E. Jelstad, Wyer, Pryde, Mullen, Weston and Beck.

44 Commando: Powell, Timms, Banks, Ingolsby, Livesey, Tonner, Beadle, Coleman, Redman, Banks and Ford.

Kit Chee v. C.C.

In another Second Division game, Kit Chee defeated Chinese Cadre by 2-1, at the Navy Ground, Happy Valley, yesterday, after being held to a draw at half time.

The Navy soon resumed the attack again and increased the score by what was the best goal of the match. Tombs got the ball on the half-way line and sent a through pass to Spratt, who swerved round Hussain to shoot from 15 yards into the far corner of the net.

Play was mostly in the Saints' half, but a sudden breakaway gave Xavier the chance to run down the right wing and cross to Bickford, who made no mistake with a first time shot.

The Navy soon resumed the attack and after a foul on Heggie by the Saints' goalkeeper, a penalty was awarded from which Heggie scored.

The final goal of the match came some ten minutes from the finish, when Spratt chased

a loose ball down the left wing, Castiglia's back, from which it

and swung it across into the bounces into the net.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

First Division

1/5 Commando	8	Club	0
45 Commando	2	Eastern	1
Royal Navy	4	St. Joseph's	2
South China	4	Kwong Wah	1

Second Division

Kit Chee	2	H.K.C. Cadre	1
42 Cdo. Bde. HQ.3 Club	1		
387 R.A.S.C. 2	1	H.K.W. Centre	1

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LOST HIS SHOES

A Chinese spectator who took off his shoes while at the Eastern v. 45 Commando match yesterday afternoon became so engrossed in the game that he did not notice that they had been stolen.

Fortunately for him, the thief was noticed by one of the Chinese policemen on duty and the thief was caught red-handed with the shoes in his possession.

Both the spectator and the thief were permitted to see the end of the match, after which all parties proceeded to the Police Station.

HOCKEY

42 Commando (Lt.) avenged themselves for their recent hockey defeat against Land Forces HQ on Friday evening by defeating them by three clear goals. From the start, play was fast and spectators were treated to a vigorous and exciting match.

Both sides were strong and evenly matched, which was replaced by a wooden structure. This did service until 1926 when the present modern clubhouse was erected.

After about ten minutes of the second half, Capt. Williams scored a perfect goal from a short corner which was followed quickly by another goal, again by Lt. Wilson.

Although much damaged by looters during the occupation, the clubhouse is being rapidly restored and the Club hopes soon to return to its former status as one of the Colony's leading sports organisations.

The bowl match, which will be played at K.C.C., will start at 3.30 p.m. Teams have been selected as follows:

K.C.C.—A. Madar, V. C. Lubrum, A. E. P. Guest and M. N. Rakusen (skip).

A. D. Perry, F. E. Lawrence, A. L. G. Eastman and E. C. Fletcher (skip).

R. E. Lee, W. C. Hung, A. J. Kew and T. A. Madar (skip).

K.B.G.C.—R. P. Phillips, F. C. Clemons, J. F. Gowan and L. Guy (skip).

J. G. Robertson, F. H. Wilkinson, T. Newton and F. Randell (skip).

E. F. Pope, H. F. Shields, F. A. Saunders, Davis, Abrams, Sturgis, Hobbs, Action, Wilson, Gardner Brown, Knowles, Williams.

150 IIB BEAT VOLUNTEERS

In a hockey match played at Sharmshupu on Friday, 150 Indian Infantry Brigade, H.Q. Officers beat the Hong Kong Volunteers by seven goals to one.

The Volunteers had a hard time against the Brigade Officers' inside forward trio of Major Suner Singh, Col. Cruttenden and Capt. Narindra Singh, the latter of whom, scored four goals in the first half, Col. Cruttenden netting the three in the second.

Scottish "A" Division

Bournemouth	3	Port Vale	0
Bristol R.	1	Southend	3
Cardiff	5	Exeter	1
Palace	1	Ipswich	1
Mansfield	0	Queens' P.	3
Norwich	2	Brighton	3
Luton	1	Aldershot	0
Newcastle	18	Newport	0

Third Division South

Bournemouth	3	Port Vale	0
Bristol R.	1	Southend	3
Cardiff	5	Exeter	1
Palace	1	Ipswich	1
Mansfield	0	Queens' P.	3
Norwich	2	Brighton	3
Luton	1	Aldershot	0
Newcastle	12	Watford	1

Third Division North

Accrington S.	2	Rochdale	3
Barrow	2	Doncaster	1
Bradford C.	2	Wrexham	1
Carlisle	3	New Brighton	2
Chester	2	Hartlepool U.	1
Halifax	0	Darlington	2
Oldham A.	0	Stockport	1
Rotherham	5	Crews A.	1
Southport	1	Lincoln	2
Tranmere	1	Hull	1
Walsall	3	Gateshead	1

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Barrow	2	Doncaster	1
Bradford C.	2	Wrexham	1
Carlisle	3	New Brighton	2
Chester	2	Hartlepool U.	1
Halifax	0	Darlington	2
Oldham A.	0	Stockport	1
Rotherham	5	Crews A.	1
Southport	1	Lincoln	2
Tranmere	1	Hull	1
Walsall	3	Gateshead	1

Scottish "B" Division

Aberdeen	2	Dundee U.	3
Clyde	3	Airdrie	1
Hamilton	1	Kilmarnock	2
Hibernians	4	Partick	4
Partick	4	Hearts	4
Q's Park	2	St. Mirren	2
Q. o'South	0	Falkirk	2
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